

AAFES FLOUR PRODUCTS 2000003550

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Clause 52.211-11 Liquidated Damages-Supplies, Services, or Research and Development (Sep 2000) in Section B FAR Clauses in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements is not applicable to loads going to Houston, TX.

**WHOLE WHEAT SPECIFICATIONS ARE INDICATED UNDER SECTION 9, OTHER REQUIREMENTS.
SECTION F.**

VENDOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A CONTAINER FOR BAGGED FLOUR TRUCKLOADS.

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Acquisition Method:	Sealed Bids (Invitation for Bid)
Description:	AG-DBFD-S-15-0156
Issued date:	August 20, 2015, 1300 Central Time
Offers due:	September 1, 2015, 0900 Central Time
Award Notification:	September 3, 2015, 1300 Central Time
Public Release of Award:	September 4, 2015, 1300 Central Time

1. Solicitation Information Contact:

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Telephone: 816 823 1145
Fax: 816 823 4195
E-mail: jenny.watson@ams.usda.gov

2. Internet Address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=pas-do>

3. This Acquisition is:

/x / Unrestricted

// Set-Aside for:

// Small Business Set-Aside in accordance with FAR 19.502-2. Any concern proposing to furnish a product that it did not itself manufacture must furnish the product of a small business manufacturer.

// 8(a) Program noncompetitive letter RFP only

// Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business SDVOSB noncompetitive, letter RFP only

4. NAICS Codes/Size Standards: See Master Solicitation for Commodity

Procurements at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/master_solicitation.pdf

5. Delivery Type: F.O.B. Destination

6. Submission of offers:

A. Offers/quotes must be submitted electronically via the Web Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Submission of offers by any other means will result in the offer being deemed as nonresponsive. Bids for less than item quantity requested will not be accepted. WBSCM is available online at: <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov>.

B. Only one bid price may be submitted for an item number.

C. Kosher Requirement.

The kosher only commodity requirements have changed (see the Schedule of Supplies for web link) and offerors for kosher will be required to certify capability to meet requirements.

D. Plant Location Requirement.

Offers shall accurately represent the plant location(s). Plant location is defined as the place where an end product is assembled from components, packaged, or otherwise made or processed from raw materials into the finished product that is to be provided to the Government. Upon acceptance of an offer, the combination of plant location and item becomes a contract term.

Offerors are directed to submit offers from only plant locations. Offers for locations representing non-plant locations, such as, company headquarters or Shippers Option may be deemed non-responsive.

Prospective contractors need to verify, early in the offering period that the appropriate plant locations for the company are shown in the WBSCM Offer Form Page dropdown box. Plant locations that are not included on the list cannot have an offer submitted in association with that plant. Therefore, any plant locations not included on the list, from which offeror intends to use in performance of the contract, should be added.

Plant location and the Place of Performance in ORCA provisions, 52.214-14 (Apr 1985) and 52.215-6 (Oct 1997) shall match. Representations and Certifications are available online at the System for Award Management at website www.SAM.gov.

E. Supplier Agreement Requirement.

If the offer is for product the offeror will not itself manufacture, offeror shall, by the offer due date/local time, submit the corresponding supplier agreement to, Attention: Contracting Officer at the solicitation information contact address shown in this solicitation. The supplier agreement shall be in effect between the offeror and the product manufacturer for the period of contract performance, certify compliance with the applicable KCCO solicitation requirements, contain the DUNS number for the product manufacturer be on the product manufacturer's company letterhead, and be signed by both parties.

A prospective contractor may be required to provide written evidence of a proposed responsibility of the subcontractor. The Contracting Officer may directly determine a prospective responsibility of the subcontractor.

F. Business Size/Type Designation for Subcontracting.

An offer from a small business to supply manufactured products of small and large businesses shall be divided and submitted separately using separate WBSCM logon IDs. An offer from a farmer-owned cooperative large business to supply manufactured products of both a small business and other than

small (i.e., farmer-owned cooperative large business or large businesses) shall be divided and submitted separately using separate WBSCM logon IDs. See information below.

Examples:

If offeror business size is small business and the manufactured product is subcontracted to a small business then the WBSCM size designation is small business.

If offeror business size is small business and manufactured product is subcontracted to a Farmer-owned Cooperative large business or a large business then the WBSCM designation is large business. If offeror business size is large business and manufactured product is subcontracted to a small or a large business then the WBSCM designation is large business.

7. Submit Invoices to:

For purchase orders (awards) issued through WBSCM, the contractor shall use the invoicing function in WBSCM. More information can be found in the MSCP, document attached.

8. Shipment/Delivery Schedule:

October 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

See Schedule of Supplies for period of performance. A Purchase Order will be available at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of each period of performance scheduled in the contract. Contractor shall comply with the instructions in the Purchase Order. If a Purchase Order is available less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the first day of the contracted period of performance, the performance period shall be extended by the number of days the Purchase Order is available. Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of the performance period unless it furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Government that it was prepared to perform during the contracted period of performance.

9. Other Requirements:

A. Bidders shall meet the Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA provision at Part 2, Section A.1 (b) in the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP).

B. Seals on Transportation Conveyances for Domestic Nutrition Assistance Programs

Suppliers of commodities, products and/or services shall be responsible for placing a seal(s) on all cargo doors of each transportation conveyance upon completion of loading, partial unloading, inspection, or servicing.

Seals must meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards. ASTM Standards may be found at <http://www.astm.org> . Seals shall be 1/8-inch diameter cable, high security bolt, barrier-type, or equivalent device which can only be removed by bolt cutter type tools. Seals shall be sequentially numbered. The contractor or its agent shall provide a sufficient number of barrier-type seals to ensure security of the load while in route through final destination.

The seal numbers shall be documented on the Bill of Lading, which must be signed or acknowledged by the carrier or its agent.

Deliveries will be rejected, in which seals have not been used to secure all cargo doors, if:

- the seal listed on the Bill of Lading does not match the seal number recorded on the Bill of Lading;
- the seal is broken;
- the seal is missing; or
- the seal has been removed prior to the transportation conveyance reaching its unloading point.

A rejected conveyance will only be accepted after a Condition of Container Inspection has been performed by Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS) or Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). AMS or FGIS must subsequently issue a Certificate of Quality and Condition that documents that the Condition of Container meets the applicable U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers. If this inspection is performed at a location other than the contracted delivery point all cargo doors must be sealed and the seal numbers documented by the Federal Inspection Agency on the Certificate.

Conditions of Container Inspections arrangements are available by accessing the website for AMS Federal Inspection Offices at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateN&navID=ContactaFreshInspectionOffice&rightNav1=ContactaFreshInspectionOffice&topNav=&leftNav=&page=Federal/StateGradingContacts&resultType=&acct=freshgrdcert>

The Contractor is responsible for payment of all fees incurred as a result of a Condition of Container Inspection.

C. Contractor Past Performance Evaluation applicable for contracts exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold of \$150,000.

The Government will prepare a past performance evaluation at the time the work under the contract or delivery order is completed. Evaluation will rate performance areas such as, quality of product or service, cost control, timeliness of performance, business relations, and when applicable, performance against, and efforts to achieve the goals identified in the small business subcontracting plan. The evaluation will be entered into the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS). Contractor will have an opportunity to comment on the Government evaluation. Details on access and use of CPARS will be provided to the Contractor at a future date. The past performance evaluation may be used by the Government to support future award decisions.

D. Advance Shipping Notice, ASN: The Contractor shall provide an ASN to the Goods Recipient identified on the Purchase Order Item on the day of shipment for each conveyance. Contractors may upload multiple ASNs to the WBSCM system using an Excel template in a comma separated CSV format. Contractor must submit one invoice for each ASN. Each ASN must have a unique Bill of Lading number.

E. Shipping Instructions

1. **Container and Liners- FOR BULK LOADS ONLY.** Orders are for Army, Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and shall be shipped in either Maersk/Sealand Service Lines, 20-foot standard, export bulk containers. Contractor shall coordinate with AAFES which container service to order. A 20-foot bulk container with a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved liner no less than 7 mil plastic thickness shall be used. Contractor is responsible

for obtaining the container liners and all costs associated with them. The quantity of flour for each container is 37,500 pounds. Please direct AAFES inquiries to:

Connie Samaniego
Inventory Management Specialist I
HQ AAFES- SF Directorate
Exchange Restaurant, Theater and Hospitality Division
214-312-3448
samaniegoco@aafes.com

2. Contractor is responsible for ordering, obtaining, and paying all costs associated with getting the empty containers to their plant and the product delivered in the containers to the destination port. Contractor shall contact AAFES at least three (3) weeks in advance to coordinate delivery of the containers to the port. AAFES assigns booking numbers needed to get containers released from the container companies. The port currently loads three (3) containers a week. Please direct shipping and transportation inquiries to:

Kennita Anderson
Transportation Tech Logistics
Army & Air Force Exchange Service
PH: 214.312.2213
andersonkenni@aafes.com

3. Contractor shall contact the following for empty containers for both bulk and bagged flour:

Maersk/Sealand Service Lines
Phone: 800-321-8807
www.maersksealand.dk/

Hapag-Lloyd
Osmary Brown
Hapag-Lloyd America
Sr. Coordinator, Export Customer Service
Area US Flag
401 E. Jackson St. Suite 3200
Tampa, FL 33602
Toll Free: 1-800-834-6314
Direct Tel: 1-813-276-4613
Fax: 1-800-832-1322
<http://www.hapag-lloyd.com>

4. For your information, possible liner companies are:

Insta-bulk, Inc.
Phone: 713-673-6100, ext. 22

Powertex, Inc.
Phone: 518-297-4000, ext 103

contact Tina Richards web: tinarichards@powertex.com

TransBulk Systems, Inc.

Phone: 843-747-3435, *18,

Marie Sauer web: www.transbulk.com

Jumbo Bag Corp.

Phone: 305-577-4441, web: jdickson@jumbobag.com

5. Terms and Conditions

a. A copy can also be located on our website with the following link:

<http://www.shopmyexchange.com/DoingBusiness/nonretail.htm>

Sections to review:

- i. Section 5 – Packing, Marking, Movement Information
- ii. Section 9 – Food and Beverage

F. Whole Wheat Flour Specification

Ingredient Statement: Whole wheat flour

Product Description: Product milled from cleaned wheat of sound quality. This product shall be food grade and in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act of 1938 as amended and applicable regulations thereunder. This is not a ready-to-eat product. Due to the nature of our products, we do not include microbial parameters as part of our Product Specification. As described in our Continuing Guaranty, we adhere to the U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended.

Extraneous Matter: This product is in compliance with current regulatory requirements and does not exceed the defect action levels established by the US FDA.

Analytical Specifications: Sifting Specifications:

	Target	Min	Max		Min	Max
ASH	1.60	1.40	1.80	WIRE-18	0.0	0.2
MOISTURE	0.0	0.0	13.5	WIRE-30	0.0	2.5
PROTEIN@						
12%MOISTURE		14.00		WIRE-40	3.0	8.0
PROTEIN@		13.8		WIRE-70	17.0	34.0
14%MOISTURE						
				WIRE-100	17.0	34.0
				WIRE-PAN	38.0	55.0

Optimum Storage Conditions: Product should be kept in a clean, dry place that is well ventilated. Product should be used within six months and kept at 70 degrees F or less at low humidity.

G. Bracing and Blocking-**FOR BULK HOUSTON LOADS ONLY**. All shipments shall be properly braced and blocked. At the final foreign destination, the container will be opened from the rear; therefore, the liner shall be braced in the rear of the container. Metal bracing and blocking must be authorized for use by AAFES. Wood products for bracing and blocking shall be either No. 1 hardwood marked "HW" or heat-treated hardwood marked "HT."

H. Fumigation-**FOR ALL LOADS (BULK AND BAGGED)**.

1. Not more than 10 days prior to packaging, the flour products shall be fumigated with Methyl Bromide or Phostoxin in a quantity and manner which will affect a kill in all stages of weevil or other insect infestation.

I. Required Information for Bill of Lading.

1. Shipper Name, and Shipment Origin Address
2. USDA Contractor Name, if different than shipper
3. Purchase Order Number and Item Number (formerly Contract Number, N/D Number)
4. When provided, Sales Order Number and Item Number (formerly Disposition Number)
5. Consignee: Purchase Order Item's Goods Recipient Name
c/o Purchase Order Item's Ship-to Name and Address
6. Number and Type of Units, Net Weight, and Material Description
7. Statement: "For USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS"
8. Manufacturer's Lot Code/Lot Identification Number
9. Serial Number of Barrier-Type Seals Applied
10. Carrier's Signature and Date
11. Date of Shipment

Note: When multiple Purchase Order Items are shipped in one conveyance, show the applicable information for each Purchase Order Item. Also, load and brace the conveyance for accurate and economical unloading, e.g. load and brace truck trailers in reverse order of delivery.

TRUCK UNLOAD APPOINTMENT – At least 24 hours in advance of delivery, contact a responsible representative at the applicable Purchase Order Item's Ship-to-Address for an unload appointment. Reference the Purchase Order Number, Item Number and when provided, the Sales Order Number and item Number that a particular appointment is being made for.

2. The contractor shall submit with the invoice for payment, a statement certifying that the flour products were fumigated in accordance with this requirement.

10. FAR and Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Provisions and Clauses:

In the event of a conflict between WBSCM and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) terminology, FAR terminology shall take precedence.

A. This solicitation shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP) in effect as of the date of this solicitation. See attached MSCP. The FAR and AGAR provisions and clauses applicable to this solicitation are contained in the MSCP.

B. // Applicable if checked. FAR Clause 52.232-18, Availability of Funds (Apr 1984). Funds are not presently available for this contract. The Government obligation under this contract is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the contracting officer for this contract and until the contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the contracting officer.

11. WBSCM Information

4K52.214-0001 Electronic Submission of Bids

A. Offers, modifications, and withdrawals shall be submitted electronically via the Web Based Supply Chain Management Computer System (WBSCM). Submission of the aforementioned by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. WBSCM is available online at: <https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov/>.

B. Prerequisites for creating and submitting a domestic bid response:

-Computer minimum requirements and settings:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/wbscm_requirements_settings.pdf

-WBSCM Vendor Registration – If you are unsure if your company is properly registered, contact the WBSCM help desk, as provided in Section C below. If your company is not registered in WBSCM, fill out and submit the vendor registration form at the following URL:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/wbscm_vendor_registration_form.pdf

Vendors will be notified via email when vendor registration is complete.

- WBSCM Corporate Administrator Registration - Vendors shall authorize a corporate administrator by submitting a signed copy of the SCM2 form. A person with proper legal authority for the company shall authorize individuals who will serve as:

- 1) Primary Corporate Administrator
- 2) Secondary Corporate Administrator

The corporate administrator(s) shall follow all the instructions in the WBSCM-generated email.

-The corporate administrator will be responsible to

- 1) Register plants
- 2) Create users - with appropriate roles e.g. Commodity Offer
- 3) Assign Users to a plant
- 4) Update user roles, assignments, and plant registration as appropriate, e.g. delete user as they leave the company.

For directions on this process see instructions provided at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=wbs>

C. WBSCM Help Desk Information

To obtain assistance using WBSCM, please contact the WBSCM Level 1 Help desk at any of the following:

- telephone: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648
- email: WBSCMhelp@ams.usda.gov
- Web form link on WBSCM Portal: (<https://srai.service-now.com>)

You need to have the following information available when contacting the WBSCM Level 1 Help Desk:

- Company's Business Partner (BP) number: (if available)
- Company Name:
- Contact Name:
- Phone Number:
- E-mail Address:
- Identify that you are a Domestic Vendor
- Identify that you do business with AMS.
- Identify the deadline; date and time, for the Solicitation you need assistance with from the help desk.

Level 1 Help desk hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. central time.

The WBSCM system is off-line Sunday evenings from 4:00 PM to Midnight central time. Unplanned outages will be communicated through the WBSCM system.

D. WBSCM Offer Information

Work Instruction for Domestic Commodity Bidding offer submission may be found at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/wbscm_work_instructions.pdf under "WI and Follow on Activities."

Prospective contractors are responsible for starting the applicable processes early in the offering period and completing the applicable processes soon enough to ensure that their offer, modification, or withdrawal is received by the exact time specified herein for receipt of offers. Offer submission may include processes, such as: register vendor, authorize user access and roles, create eAuthentication account, accept WBSCM rules of behavior, register plants, assign users to plants, save plant responses and submit vendor response (offer).

Quantities will be awarded in increments of USDA standard truckload quantities, subject also to the offer's quantity constraints. Quantity constraints shall be entered in pounds.

An offer requires timely submission of all plant responses AND a vendor response.

Plant response consists of:

- 1) PRICE for applicable items shown herein on the schedule of supplies in the Bid Invitation Item Details Section, see below and
- 2) CERTIFICATION ANSWERS in the Questions section of the RFx Information tab.

Important: Submission of the plant response just saves the data entered – the vendor response must also be submitted.

Vendor response consists of:

- 1) Marking that NO CONSTRAINTS apply if vendor can supply the cumulative item quantity offered OR entering quantity CONSTRAINTS to limit the offer to a quantity to less than the cumulative item quantity offered, and
- 2) Plant responses – submission of vendor response before the Offer Due Date and Time also physically submits all previously submitted/saved plant responses. Failure to timely submit the vendor response will result in no offer for the applicable solicitation.

It is imperative that the offeror verify the accuracy of their offer/quote. The offer/quote may be printed from the WBSCM portal path Supplier>Bid Management>Vendor Response Log.

E. Bid invitation Item details section:

Hierarchy of Item Numbers (Item) is indicated by progressive indentation:

- Level 1 Material Group,
- Level 2 Material type and pack size,
- Level 3 Destination single or multiple stops,
- Level 4 Details; Material type and pack size, date range product required by, postal zip code, quantity, and unit of measure. Railroad information is not available unless shown. Item Offered price is entered at level 4 only. Items will be awarded in increments of truckload sizes.

Multiple stop Items:

- 1) Are identified by LOT: number, city state/city state in the Tendering text at level 3 of an applicable Item;
- 2) Have up to three stop-offs and a final destination.

Offshore Items:

Items for delivery to offshore locations require the contractor to arrange and pay for ocean transportation in addition to the land transportation. Offshore examples are Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Offshore locations are identified by the cities and postal abbreviations shown at the level 3 Item data.

Ray Boyd
Contracting Officer

August 20, 2015